

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Town of Brownfield**  
December 8, 2009

Selectmen Present: Carol Brooks & Erik Walker

Others Present: Frank & Alvina Day, Michelle Day, Jim Ireland, Richard Perreault, Cindy & Todd Walker

Workshop mode of meeting was opened at 5:15 P.M. Regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Minutes and warrants were reviewed and approved.

The PW Department has switched to "winter mode". Roads were checked and trees cleaned up after the storm. The shoulders were repaired on Haley Town Road and Lords Hill Road. Tuesday was spent doing ditch work on Farnsworth Road and grading was done on Dugway Road, Whale Rock Road and Wakefield Road. Frank, Ernie and Jeff attended the Dig Safe Workshop in Augusta on Wednesday. Thursday was spent cleaning ditches by hand following the heavy rains.

The Fire Department responded to a rollover accident at the intersection of Porter Road and Hampshire Road. It was a serious accident but there were no injuries reported. Chief Perreault responded to a call on Monday for a carbon monoxide alarm going off at the Watkins residence on Hi Vista Road. There was a leak caused by a problem with the furnace and the carbon monoxide detector was functioning properly. Luckily, Nicole was home and able to help identify the problem and get help. She and her grandmother and the animals were able to leave the main part of the home until the furnace could be looked at later the same day. A reminder to all that a working carbon monoxide detector is just as important as a working smoke and/or fire detector. The furnace had been cleaned recently, but a weight had broken off from the damper causing it to remain open and fumes to settle in the cellar instead of exiting through the chimney. An offer of \$2,000 has been made on old Engine Two which has been removed from service. After some discussion, Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol to accept this offer since Chief Perreault felt it was fair. All were in favor. Chief Perreault also gave a donation in the amount of \$100 to the Town of Brownfield for use of the Community Center for their Turkey Shoot.

Tara Warren reported a very successful S.T.U.D. event for the Rec. Department. Early numbers indicate that they raised approximately \$600. Nineteen vendors were on hand with 70+ visitors in attendance. A reminder that the Employee Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The code has been changed at the BCC, the broken windows and door have been replaced, the furnace is running properly and the plumbing will be completed this week. A resident has offered a donation of a stove and fridge if someone is able to pick them up. The two oldest refrigerators will probably be replaced and the stove will be added to the existing one. Jim at the Transfer Station will keep an eye out for any donations of interior doors and/or paint that might not be needed by contractors looking to get rid of them that can be used at the BCC and a local painter has volunteered his services. Four residents applied for the vacant Vice

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Chair position of the Rec. Committee and the Committee would like the Selectmen to approve their recommendation. Carol made a motion that was seconded by Erik to support the Rec. Committee's decision to appoint Kathy Fraize to this position. All were in favor.

The Rec. Committee has also offered to pay to purchase four new tires for the van at a cost of approximately \$100/tire. Dick Norcross has offered to replace the tires and balance them at no charge. The inspection sticker is good until next June. Frank has offered to perform any regular maintenance when he does the fire trucks and any other Town vehicles. The skating rink should be installed within the next couple of weeks. Charlie Coville has offered to put the rink up at no cost to the Town. The Rec. Committee is selling calendars with daily drawings to raise money to eventually put a roof structure over the rink to make it into an all-season pavilion. Some repairs are needed at the BCC including replacing one of the rear exterior doors, several interior doors need to be replaced and a hole in the boy's bathroom needs to be patched. Tara agrees that it is a good idea to have those involved with Rec. and Town affairs from Denmark and Brownfield to get together to solve any issues between the towns regarding ownership of equipment, fees to be charged, etc. Julie will get in touch with the Denmark Town Office to get the ball rolling with the hope that in early January those involved can get together. The Rec. Committee gave a gift certificate to Stone Mountain Arts Center as a thank you to the Stella's for the donation of the van. Generous donations have also been made in the way of heavy-duty pots and pans, paint and two eight-foot tables. A donation has been offered towards the fireworks display for Brownfield Days and a marquis sign in front of the BCC. These are pending.

Jim Ireland reiterated his offer and will let it be known that there are some items needed at the BCC by using his connections at the Transfer Station. It has been extremely busy at the Transfer Station and over \$700 was brought in during the month of November. Vehicle batteries that have been stored waiting for pick up have been taken now that the value is up on them. Discussion followed on the possible purchase of a motion detector activated game camera or something similar to monitor activities at the Transfer Station when it is not open. Julie will look into this with Jim. Carol made a motion that was seconded by Erik to use income received at the Transfer Station to put towards this purchase. The motion passed.

A bulb had burned out at the substation next door which is why it is dark in front of that building. Lt. Harriman brought the bulb to the Town Office to be replaced.

Next on the agenda was an abatement request for a property off Ward Drive. Review has been done by Steve Sanborn by using the new mapping software along with a site visit to compare to properties similarly located in this area. There was a calculation error on the card which caused this property to be over assessed compared to similar properties. Because of this and on the recommendation of the CEO, Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol to approve the abatement. The motion passed.

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Erik next submitted an abatement request on behalf of a resident. The taxes have not been paid by this property owner so Erik felt that the property owner could not request the abatement but that he as Selectman could request it on his behalf. Erik made a motion to grant an abatement in the amount of \$284.15. This motion was seconded by Carol and the motion passed.

Carol stated that the Municipal Officers seminar was very informative. A copy of the materials was brought back by Carol and Cindy for Erik to review.

Erik made a motion at 7:45 that was seconded by Carol to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Watkins  
Town Administrator